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### REMARKS

Applicants respond herein to each of the issues raised in the Final Action. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowance of Claims 12-20, 34-43 and 45 and the indication of patentable subject matter in Claims 4-11 and 26-33. Claims 4, and 26 have been amended to place them in a form indicated as allowable. Claims 2-3, 24-25 and 44 have been canceled. The dependency of Claims 22 and 23 has been changed in light of the cancellation of the claims from which they previously depended. These amendments are made to expedite issuance of the present application as a patent and without prejudice to Applicants' right to continue to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in a continuation application. Applicants submit that the amendments to the claims place this case in form for allowance as the remaining rejections have all been obviated.

#### **The Prior Art Rejections:**

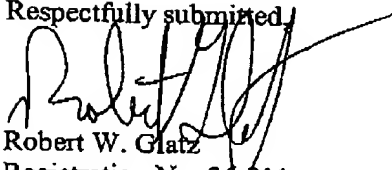
Claims 1, 21-23 and 44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,223,053 to Friedmann et al. ("Friedmann"). Final Action, p. 2. Applicants note that the anticipation rejection appears to not have been corrected in light of the previous amendment, in which Claims 1 and 21 were canceled, Claim 44 was amended and Claims 22 and 23 were amended to depend from Claim 24. Claims 2, 3, 22-25 and 44 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as obvious over Friedmann in view of United States Patent Application No. 2003/0206561 to Schmidl et al. ("Schmidl"). Final Action, p. 3. In light of the amendments to the claims above, these rejections are obviated. Accordingly, the rejections should be withdrawn for at least these reasons.

### **CONCLUSION**

Applicants respectfully submit that, for the reasons discussed above, the present Amendment after Final should be entered as it places this case in a form indicated as allowable. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment, allowance of all the pending claims and passing this application to issue.

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